HESSARGHATTA WATER-SUPPLY DIVISION. [ADVERTISEMENT.

Tenders are hereby invited for one year's supply of casuarina fuel for pumping-engines at Chikbanavar, Hessarghatta Water-supply project.

2. Printed forms of tender will be supplied on application, free of cost, by the Executive Engineer. These forms should be filled in, signed by the Contractor and forwarded in sealed covers to the Executive Engineer before the 29th February 1896.

3. The final acceptance of any tender will rest with the Chief Engineer, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to assign any reason whatever for the rejection of any tender.

4. No tenders will be received unless accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 500 as earnest money.

5. Within eight days of the acceptance of the tender, the Contractor will be required to execute the usual contract bond; in default of which, his tender will be considered cancelled, and his earnest money will be taken to meet any loss that may be sustained by Government.

6. The name of the Contractor, whose tender has been accepted, will be posted on the notice board in the Executive Engineer's office in due course. No enquiries respecting the acceptance or rejection of a tender will receive any reply whatever.

7. On acceptance of one of the tenders, the earnest money on rejected tenders will be returned to applicants in due course.

8. The quantity required is 3,240 tons, of which 600 tons should be delivered by the end of May 1896, and the remainder at the rate of 270 tons per month.

9. Fuel to be supplied in strict accordance with specification and to be stacked by Contractor in required heaps at site pointed out in pumping station yard.

Specification.

The wood to be solely casuarina and to be in straight lengths.

The maximum and minimum dimensions which will be accepted are given below:—

	Length.		*Thickness.*	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Maximum.	Minimum.
Running wood ..	24 inches.	18 inches.	8 inches.	3 inches.
Lighting wood ..	24 do	12 do	3 do	1½ do

One per cent of the quantity supplied may be of the dimensions specified for lighting wood, the remainder being of the dimensions specified for running wood. The billets are to be sawn to lengths not chopped.

The wood to be stacked by the contractor in the positions approved by the Executive Engineer or his representatives.

Lighting and running wood to be stacked separately. Stacks must be of rectangular shape the sides being vertical and straight and the tops level; the wood must be laid evenly straight and close; the pieces composing the walls must be laid at right angles to the direction of such walls, having first been sawn to an uniform length, the interior of the stacks must be packed as closely as possible, the pieces being regularly laid with their lengths all in one direction.

The stacks to be built of such dimensions that the cubical measurements of each is a multiple of 68 thus—

17 feet by 8 feet by 5 feet = 680 cubic feet = 10 tons.
17 feet by 16 feet by 5 feet = 1,360 cubic feet = 20 tons.
34 feet by 20 feet by 5 feet = 3,400 cubic feet = 50 tons.

Sixty-eight cubic feet of closely stacked wood will be accepted as equivalent to one ton. The Executive Engineer or his representatives will inspect the wood as it is being stacked and shall have power to reject any pieces that are hollow, rotten, crooked or otherwise unsuitable for fuel for engines; he will also satisfy himself that the pieces are in accordance with the dimensions specified above and that the stacks are built as required; he shall also have power to reject any stacks which do not in all respects comply with the terms of this specification.

The wood must be at the risk of the Contractor until it is stacked, approved, measured and accepted by the Executive Engineer or his representatives.

When stacks are taken over the Contractor or his representative must be present during the measurement and must sign the record of measurement made by the Executive Engineer or his representatives in token of his agreement to the corrections thereof.

Payments to be made monthly for all wood taken over by the Executive Engineer in charge. A reserve of 5 per cent being however withheld on all bills as guarantee for fulfilment of contract. Should the Contractor fail to deliver 600 tons by the end of May 1896, or after that date fail to deliver 270 tons monthly, he will be liable to a fine of Rs. 2 per ton for each ton his delivery may be short of the above mentioned quantity or to cancelment of contract at the option of the Chief Engineer. Cancelment of contract will involve loss of security deposit and of full amount of reserve withheld as guarantee fund.

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